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Jeb Bush makes an appearance on campus

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On Feb. 13, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush paid the University a visit.

He came to address the business college and give his views on important topics including energy, immigration, and education. He also took additional time to discuss one of the University's core values, Leadership.

Bush began by complimenting the University, calling it "a business model that is the envy of higher education."

He had a few words for President Kirk.

"Mr. President, the idea that I would come here to talk about change and managing change is a little embarrassing in my regard, because you should be giving that speech," he said.

He also praised the University's ability to keep tuition affordable in a tough economy and mentioned that the Bush Library in Dallas, Texas, will be opening in April.

Jumping into politics, Bush explained how approximately 4 billion dollars were spent on the presidential campaign so that America could have more of the same government. He cautioned that the national growth rate is an unsustainable 1.5% as well as entitlement spending.

Though he is a republican, Bush supports bipartisan efforts in working towards higher sustained growth and the creation of a 21 century set of policies which could help to increase economic growth and, therefore, help sustain the American economy. To ensure our growth, he said that we need a patriotic energy policy, an immigration policy to repopulate the demographic base, and a transformation of the education system to produce college and/or work ready high school graduates.

For America's energy policy, Bush said that the president should have signed for the keystone pipeline proposal six months ago and explained how fracking and offshore oil drilling can greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, he stated that the United States has more coal than Saudi Arabia has oil and mentioned how the use of natural gas could greatly reduce crude oil at an affordable price, especially since the United States charges the lowest price in the world for natural gas.

Busch mentioned Mitchell Energy, a company started by a Greek immigrant, which he said should be a model for successful energy companies. In order to better support the American economy, Bush said we must also work with our allies, especially Mexico and Canada.

"We should help Mexico modernize its oil sector," he said.

Concerning immigration, Bush believes that being a U.S. citizen is based on shared values rather than race or ethnicity. He encourages an immigration policy on sharing the core values of the United States and supports giving STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) graduates a more streamlined pathway into the country. He explained that we are the only country which has over 70 percent of its immigrants coming in for familial purposes rather than for economic reasons.

This can pose a problem as the people who come to the United States often return to their home country with knowledge they can use to compete with the country. Bush proposed the idea of increased law enforcement to aid in border patrol and a database containing the names of immigrants let into the country in order to help keep track of their current location and the amount of time they spend in the country. Surprisingly, no such system seems to exist today. Because of this, many immigrants end up living in the shadows, something Bush says is unacceptable. He said that there needs to be a path for illegal immigrants to become legal in order to help them live a better life because to ignore them is not good in a faithful community.

Considering education, Bush says we need to transform, not just reform the education system by raising expectations and helping to personalize learning through digital learning. The United States spends more money on education that any other country in the world, yet only around 33 percent of students are college and/or work ready after graduating high school, which causes major issues for the students as they try to advance in life. Digital learning, Bush said, would allow students to learn at their own pace while

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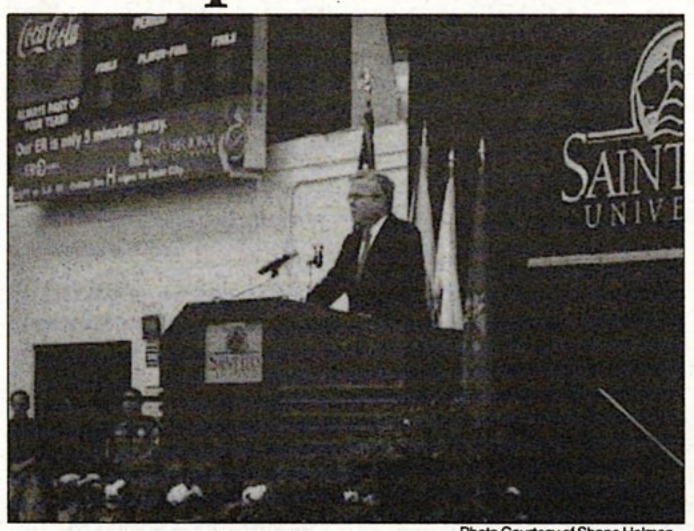

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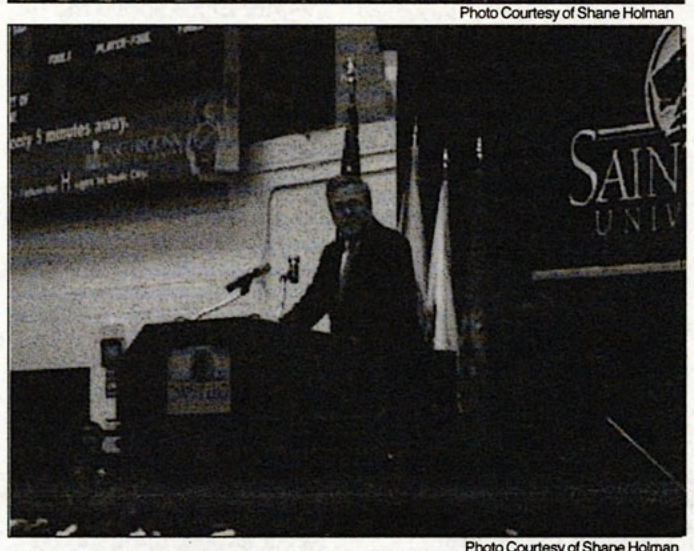

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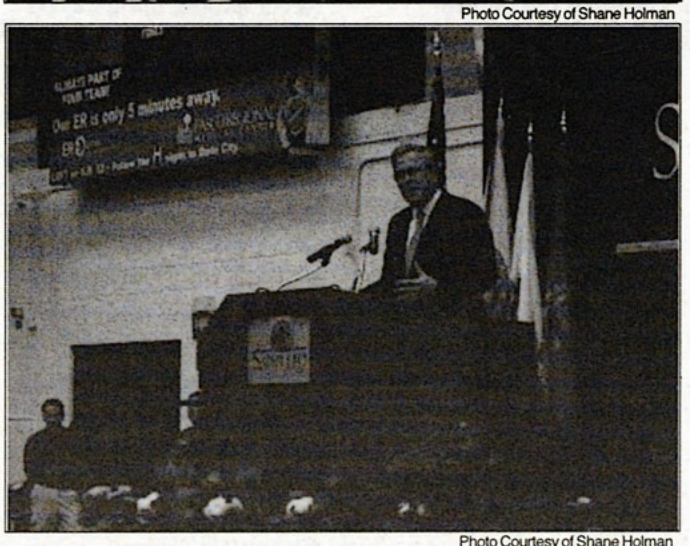

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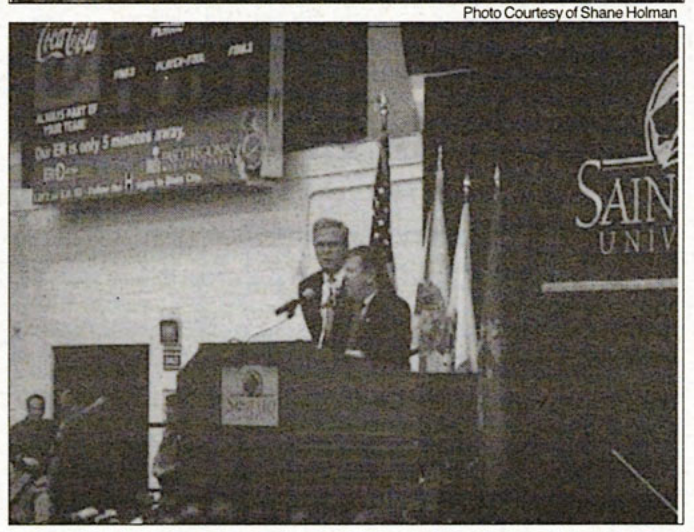

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Opinion

Do not fear the sky reaper

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A small meteorite exploded near the Russian town of Chelyabinsk, just as DA14, an asteroid that is 150 feet wide was set to pass nearby earth. The meteorite did not break off of DA14, it was the remains of a much smaller object that entered earth's atmosphere. The importance of this is that this meteorite was one of the countless number of small space debris that is not tracked.

What is an asteroid? An asteroid is the name given to an object of space debris that is less than the size of planet, does not have the characteristics of a comet, and are larger than meteoroids. A comet is comprised of ice, dust and rock, and is held together by that ice. The tail a comet has is created by solar radiation and solar wind. A meteor is an object that enters earth's atmosphere. Shooting stars are created by these objects burning up in the atmosphere. However, should the meteor be of sufficient mass, which would allow it to survive entering the atmosphere and impact the ground, it is called a meteorite.

The object that exploded near the town of Chelyabinsk, exploded twenty miles above the ground. This is what is called an air burst, and results from the gases inside the meteor creating enough pressure to burst it open. The object was estimated to be about 20 meters wide, which is just under 70 feet. The explosion rattled buildings, caused roofs to collapse, and shattered windows. Reports on injured range from 500 to 1,000. 100 have been hospitalized.

This is not the first time Russia has been hit by a meteorite of significant size. On June 30, 1908, a meteor that was estimated at 100 wide (328 feet) detonated five kilometers to ten kilometers above the Siberian forest near the Podkamennaya Tunguska River. This impact flattened 770 square miles of forest which is about half the size of Rhode Island.

As far as things entering Earth's atmosphere, it occurs daily. The atmosphere protects us from most of this space debris. This protection is not always 100 percent effective so things do get through. However, if one wants to see what happens to a celestial body without a protective atmosphere, simply look up at the large white thing in the night sky. The moon has no protective atmosphere and is scarred with impacts. In fact, it is believed that the moon was created by a large celestial body colliding with Earth back when Earth had first formed. Scientists also have a theory that life may have actually been brought to Earth by a meteor, though there is no definitive evidence for it.

These events are poignant reminders of two things. First, though we human beings think ourselves so big and grand, we are nothing but an atomic spec in the eyes of the universe. Second, it brings up the importance of space exploration and technologies aimed at preventing large celestial objects from colliding with earth. NASA is tracking over 21,000 objects that pose a threat to earth should they collide. There is a very real threat to all life on earth from these large space objects. However, there is no large dangerous object that could pose a threat in the near future. Yet we should always be looking for ways to avert potential collisions.

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expressing their talents and interests, something students are unable to do currently.

According to Bush, Florida is the highest ranking state in the country for ESE student success and it's fourth graders ranked the 6th highest in reading nationwide on a standardized reading test. In order to continue receiving positive feedback, he proposed rewards for teacher performance and confidence based learning while diminishing unionized monopolies.

Considering the core value leadership, Bush said that we need more public leaders, especially those who are willing to take risks. Leaders must make stuff happen by becoming personally engaged in their work and never expect things to be easy.

"Leaders show respect to those who disagree with them," he said. "Sustained economic growth requires leadership."

After the speech, Bush took the time to answer a few questions from the audience.

Q- Do you see any way to have market driven higher education?

A- Yes, through voucher programs in k-12, we have the McKay Scholarship for exceptional education, and education options should be expanded to allow for market responses to education needs.

Q- How do you propose that we keep immigrant students here in the U.S. instead of returning to their home country?

A-We should do what we can to encourage them to stay. Also see my book "Immigration Wars", which can be pre-ordered on Amazon.

Q- How about the jobs crisis, how do you create an immigration policy that doesn't take jobs from graduating college students who are already here?

A-Through and economics based immigration policy. Where there is a need, fill it. And where we have enough people in a field, we don't need to accept more people from outside. Also, a lot of students in the U.S. are not getting degrees where the jobs are, and this is a problem.

Q-Do you support offshore drilling in Florida?

A-My answer to this has evolved over time. I support offshore drilling in Florida in thoughtful ways, and with smart safeguards.

Q-Are you going to run for president of the United States in 2016?

A-Nice try.

Q-How can we renew the space program in Florida?

A-To aid government space programs with innovation and capital through private sector partnerships. We need to keep dreaming about the big things.

"Jeb Bush had big ideas. He spoke with enthusiasm and the audience could feel the pressure behind his voice," said Michael Ramos.

To purchase Jeb's book "Immigration Wars" please visit:

http://www.amazon.com/Immigration-Wars-Forging-American-Solution/dp/1476713456

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Campus News

Safety, Safety, Safety!

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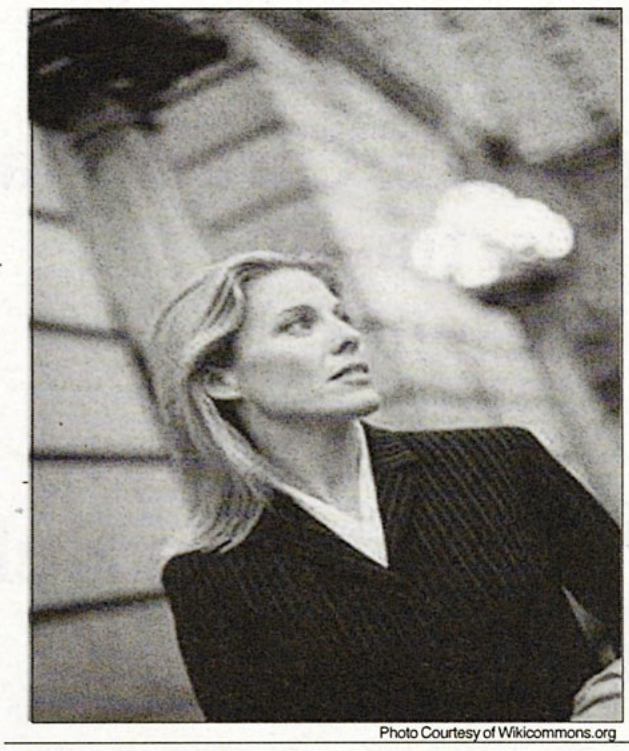
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Alleged reports of sexual assaults at the University of Tampa campus have made other campuses in middle Florida nervous and on edge about possible crimes happening to or near them. Saint leo has been often noted as one of the safest campuses in Florida, but how true is that?

The Operations Sergeant Mike D' Ambrosio who has been working with Campus Security for the past four years, said, "Stay Alert!"

Students are not the only ones that need to watch out for dangers. Everyone is affected at any time and at any location. It is true that there are some safer places than others, but no matter the place, time, or group, the safety precautions one can take are the same in every situation. Bringing it into specifics though, Campus Security offers some quick tips that can help to prevent crimes in the future, and statistics to look upon crimes past.

Here is a list of safety tips to make habitual:"Stay Alert"

Observe the situation. Keep in mind the location and the people close by. Ask questions. Is this normal behavior? Could this lead to trouble? Use common sense to explore what areas and people are suspicious.

"Go Toward The Light"

Just because the University is a place of academics and learning, criminal activity occurs every day. Keep this in mind while moving around the campus. If a place looks dark or makes one feel uncomfortable, do not go there. It is better to be safe than sorry. Chose an alternative route, and "go toward the light."

"Have An Accountability Partner"

Numerous people feel that having an accountability partner means having someone that will travel everywhere one goes; however, it means to have at least one person know about where one is going, when they are going, who they will be with, and when they are coming back. It may seem like a hassle, but just telling a friend or family member these details can be helpful in the long run, and it only takes a couple minutes.

"Lock, Take, Hide"

One of the most common crimes in the world is vehicle burglary. Items or the car are stolen because someone forgets to lock their vehicle or to take their keys. This can be prevented by forming a habit of checking the ignition or pulling on the door handle to check and see if the vehicle is truly locked up. Hide belongings under jackets, a seats, or in the trunk to avoid any unwanted visitors from being tempted to come into the vehicle.

"Bottle the Buds"

No, this is not an alcohol reference. This addresses a habit many people have which is wearing ear buds for many hours at a time. Senses are crucial when it comes to staying alert of surroundings. Take at least one ear bud out while running or doing any type of activity.

"Program Your Phone"

Every wonder why 911 is 911? Well it is to have a single,and easily remembered number to call for all types of emergencies. With speed dial, people can program their phones to quickly call people that could help in an emergency. These people should be selected in order of contact relationship and availability. It is not going to help to call that friend from high school if they are five states away. Include a family member that knows medical records, a friend that knows one well, or others who embody one or more of the aforementioned things.

"No Paper, Just Plastic"

Stuff comes up. And sometimes that stuff involves money. Think twice before heading to the nearest ATM machine for quick cash. Is it really a good time to go? Safety is more important than money. Judge how far the nearest ATM is and time of day it is. If there is a feeling of hesitation, it is more than likely a wise choice to wait until a safer opportunity to get cash. Remember that ATM locations are often the places where the most crimes happen. It might even help to have an accountability partner there to watch while one withdraws.

Even if people make the aforementioned tips habitual, it still does not stop crime from happening, it just lowers the chances. Crimes still happen on University campus. Pick up an Annual Security Report to discover information about what to do in a fire, assault, missing persons and other potential situations. The report comes with a list of numbers and places that can help and what students can do to help after the crime has happened. University students will be happy to find that the report contains many zeros with the highest crimes on the list being "Liquor Law Violations" and "Drug-Related Violations." It is something to work on, but many people can agree that, even if the University is not the safest college in Florida, it does come pretty close to being so.

Keep these numbers logged into any phones that one may use in case of future emergencies: emergency line - (352) 588-8333; non-emergency line – (352) 588-8432; tip line – (352) 588-7777.

USF Rape causes chaos

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At the University of South Florida the campus police are currently staging an investigation for an alleged rape that was reported in an on-campus dorm. This is the second sexual assault that has been reported at the university over the course of two weeks.

The incident apparently took place last Sunday morning when a girl was attacked in the Holly G Residence Hall. She said she knew her attacker.

USF has a program called the Center for Victim's Advocacy. The girl called and reported the rape Monday night.

This all happened amidst the USF police department's ongoing investigation on a sexual assault that happened on Jan. 18 at the Marshall Student Center in a public bathroom.

In 2012, four sex related crimes were reported to the USF police. One of these incidents also involved a girl being attacked in her dorm.

In the last four years, 16 sexual assaults have been reported on the USF campus. 2010 was the worst year with a total of nine reports.

Saint Leo University has a few differences from USF that make the campus safer overall. For instance, with only about 2,000 students living on campus, it makes it hard for someone who is new to campus to blend in. Also, with such a small, tight knit community, people are aware of each other's reputations after a few months of living on campus; and for the most part if someone is known as a troublemaker, campus security tends to get involved before anything serious happens.

Campus News

The film and bullyproject

By Racheljoy Capitola
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One in seven students from kindergarten to high school is either a bully or a bully victim, according to bullying statistics in 2010. It is an issue that does not get as much coverage as it should.

Lee Hirsch, a film director, visited the University in order to speak about his movie "Bully". "Bully" follows the lives of five children who are constantly tormented, intimidated, and attacked. These children are singled out for being different. Since 2009, about 250,000 students have seen the movie.

Several of the students featured in the film are Alex Libby, Kelby Johnson, and Tyler Long. Libby was singled out by classmates, verbally abused, and stabbed with pencils because he suffered from Asperger syndrome. Johnson was given offensive notes, banned from church, and hit by a minivan because she was homosexual. Tyler was never seen in the movie because he had committed suicide, so his story was told by his parents.

"I wanted to make this film for people who couldn't communicate this and give them a voice," said Hirsch.

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Hirsch was also a victim of bullying when he was a kid. His parents had told him to man up, and that his experiences were a rite of passage.

"There was a time where my black and blue marks were no longer black and blue, but yellow all the time."

It was not until after high school that the bullying had stopped, but Hirsch never forgot about it. His past fueled his ideas for "Bully" and The Bully Project.

The Bully Project is an anti-bully movement for people to join and learn more about the cause. It starts with showing the film "Bully" to parents and to students in order to bring awareness, and stretches into donating money to the organization Fractured Atlas which sponsors the project's aims. The main focus is to show the film to over 1 million kids by 2013 and to get communities involved.

"A lot of my work has come up with the idea that community will come up with the solution of bullying."

Through the community, Hirsch hopes that schools will also open their eyes to bullying.

While he was filming the movie, he noticed that bus drivers, teachers, and principals did not recognize what was happening even if it was right in front of their faces. Even when students told adults that they were being picked on, many of them were either ignored or misunderstood.

"I really want you guys [everyone] to think about this idea of school culture and school climate."

If there is a change in the school system where bullying is taken seriously and becomes a priority issue, then victims can be helped more effectively.

The neat thing about the anti-bullying movement, according to Hirsch, is that everyone can stand behind it regardless of race and political affiliation. Bullying does not discriminate, so people from different types of backgrounds can stand together for something that afflicts everyone.

"Bullying doesn't understand class … It's like an equal opportunity right."

Punches in the face become mainstream

By Racheljoy Capitola
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Violence is the latest trend in viral videos.

A page on Facebook called "The Craziest Fights" shows dozens of people fighting, kicking, and screaming. The more violent the video is, then the more likes it gains. One of the main pages currently has a popular viewership of 248,774 likes, excluding the Facebook pages and Youtube channels that spin off from the original. The goal is to get as many people to post new fights as possible for entertainment.

The page's description says, "We upload possibly the best fights ever! Like our page and watch all of the fights!!!!"

The nature of these videos has brought up concern. In Pasco County, Chase Christia, a 16-year-old girl from J.W. Mitchell High School, was punched 15 times in the back of her head and neck while she was on the bus. The video of her attack was filmed by a student and posted on "Craziest Fights 2013." More information about Christia can be found online on the Tampa Bay Times website.

Most of the videos are teenager-related. Teenagers exchange blows in the classroom, throw skateboards in public, and pin each other against walls. However, people of all ages and occupations are showcased fighting. Examples of featured videos are "Big Guy Sucker Punches Smaller Guy and Pays For it," "Crazy B**** with Golf Club," and "Fight in Jail." Titles escalate from there.

Once these videos make it online, it is impossible to take them off. They become open for the public to see and to comment on. Comments are usually strung with profound language and slander.

"That girl needs to be knocked out and so does that little stumpy tard in the black shirt. Lame….

"Cheap shot proves you're a p**** who can't fight. End of story."

"Someone should of slumped that guy that kept flexing and yelling."

Some comments even exchange likes and follows for the promise of more fights:

"Like if you've ever been in a fight? :D"

"Every 100 followers I'll post a CRAZY FIGHT!"

In an age where cyber-bullying and social media violence are significant topics of debate, pages like "The Craziest Fights" come into question. These videos have caused much concern among parents and bully preventers.

Students have their own opinions on the matter.

"It's ridiculous," said Freshman Orlando Rolim.

"I personally think it's scary for people in these [videos], but also the fact that there are pages like this out there," said Freshman Beverly Mejias.

Website link: http://www.tampabay.com/news/education/k12/video-of-pasco-teen-under-attack-gets-posted-on-facebook/1274032

Egypt bans YouTube for 30 days

By Ashley Reynolds
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On Feb. 9, Egyptian courts ordered a 30-day ban on popular video-sharing site Youtube for hosting the anti-Islam film "The Innocence of Muslims."

The censorship was ordered during a time of unrest in Egypt as protesters are calling for the resignation of President Morsi. Protests are escalating, especially around the palace. Morsi belongs to the Muslim Brotherhood, so "The Innocence of Muslims" is seen as a direct threat to Morsi's party and an attack on Islam.

The film, which expresses strong anti-Islam sentiments, has already been blocked in Libya. However, in that case, Youtube itself agreed to block the video. Egypt demanded that the video be removed and banned access to Youtube entirely.

This is not the first time Egypt has tried to ban content on the Internet. In 2009, they ordered a ban on pornographic material on religious grounds. During the Revolution of 2011, the Internet was shut down for over two weeks.

The ban only lasts 30 days, and no one is sure what Egypt is expecting to gain. Instead of creating peace and stopping anti-Brotherhood sentiments, the censorship is fueling protesters even more. Egyptian citizens are unable to share other news, videos, and information that Youtube has to offer. Censorship is one of the causes of the Revolution of 2011, and it appears that the new government is not doing much more to protect the people's rights than the last.

Beyond that, "The Innocence of Muslims" is still accessible on other websites.

Egypt's transition to democracy has been rough, and the ban on Youtube only serves to undermine the government further.

Arts & Entertainment

Disney's new Fantasy Land

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Recently some lucky Saint Leo students were able to purchase limited number tickets to Disneyworld's *Magic Kingdom*. Tickets went on sale at the early hours of 8.00 am on Saturday, Feb. 1. Despite being the first day of the weekend, students willingly passed the opportunity to sleep-in in order to purchase these tickets. Tickets were sold out so quickly and this was no surprise as they were on sale for an unbelievable $15 instead of the regular starting price of $89.

Disney is evidently a popular vacation destination, not only for internationals but even for Florida residents. However, this time *Magic Kingdom* had something new to offer. The newly built *Fantasy Land* was available for visitors. The newly built attractions built on our favorite classic Disney characters and introduced new ones to the park. Some of the included attractions included were inspired by *Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid & Dumbo*.

So, was the newly built *Fantasy Land* a success with the students?

Firstly, the Disney classic Beauty and the Beast had inspired an authentic French restaurant named *Be our Guest*. The architecture of this restaurant was unbelievable. From the entrance to the inside the attention to detail and the decorations were exquisite. Keeping the flavor of the movie alive the restaurant had classic pieces from the much loved animated film. The restaurant offers Lunch and Dinner dining services, however for dinner it is strongly recommended that reservations are made well ahead of time due to popularity. The restaurant was decorated to keep the French culture alive and the food offered was one of the closest Florida could offer. The restaurant was built to give the diners experience of the three classic rooms from the movie. The ballroom, the west wing and the library were all seating options. The ballroom was just like the movie, it had the noted painting on the ceiling and the classic golden chandeliers under which *Belle* and the *Beast* shared their first dance. Similarly, the west wing dining room contained the iconic rose from the movie, and the ripped portrait of the Prince before becoming the Beast. What was impressive was the fact that when one moves from any room into the west wing , the sudden cold creeps on you reminding you of the fact that one should not just wander there. The prices for lunch were not expensive at all considering the grandeur of the restaurant and sense of feeling like you're in an expensive five star restaurant. One could dine in there and experience haute French cuisine in an extravagant setting for just as little as $15.

The Beauty and the Beast theme continued as there were souvenir shops and a tavern that were inspired by the antagonist *Gaston*. The small area recreated the small town in which Belle lives. Visitors could take pictures with *Gaston* or even participate in *Belle's story time,* which takes you into her small cottage house and into the castle to experience the memories of Belle and Beast's encounter love.

Also present in *Fantasy Land* is *Ariel's grotto* and *Under the Sea*. The grotto gave visitors a chance to have a meet and greet with their favorite mermaid. On the other hand, *Under the Sea* was an interactive ride, where visitors seated in pods shaped like shells and was transported to relive the story of *The Little Mermaid*. Packed with musical fun and stunning visions, the ride is so much interactive fun.

The last attractions offered in *Fantasy land* were the circuses from the movie *Dumbo*. This is a nice variance in comparison to the rides that visitors are already accustomed to at Disney. The Circus is nice to just sit, relax and enjoy the show. Despite Disney already having the iconic *Flying Dumbo* ride, they built on this character by recreating the circus atmosphere.

Upon interviewing students who had participated on the trip, the majority were thrilled with the new *Fantasy Land*. The restaurant was definitely a popular choice since it was something both children and adults were able to appreciate.

Junior, Casie Strohson expressed he enthusiasm when asked to describe her experience on the trip, "I always have fun a Disney, it is a great place to relive your childhood. I had heard such great stories about fantasy Land and was so eager to see it having looked at videos of it on You Tube. It had definitely lived up to its expectations. The *Be our Guest* restaurant was stunning and I really enjoyed all the Little mermaid attractions as she is one of my favorite Disney characters."

But, of course in addition to all these new attractions they are building on the new mine inspired ride from the beloved *Snow White,* and the already classic attractions and sights are still there.

Highlights from the 2013 Grammys

By Ashley Reynolds
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The winner of 2013's Album of the Year came as a surprise, even to the artists.

"We had no idea about winning, so we didn't write anything down," said Marcus Mumford of Mumford & Sons. Their album Babel took the gold, despite fierce competition by Fun., The Black Keys, and Frank Ocean.

Several of 2012's most-loved artists also took home awards. Fun. took home Best New Artist and Song of the Year for their wildly popular tune "We Are Young."

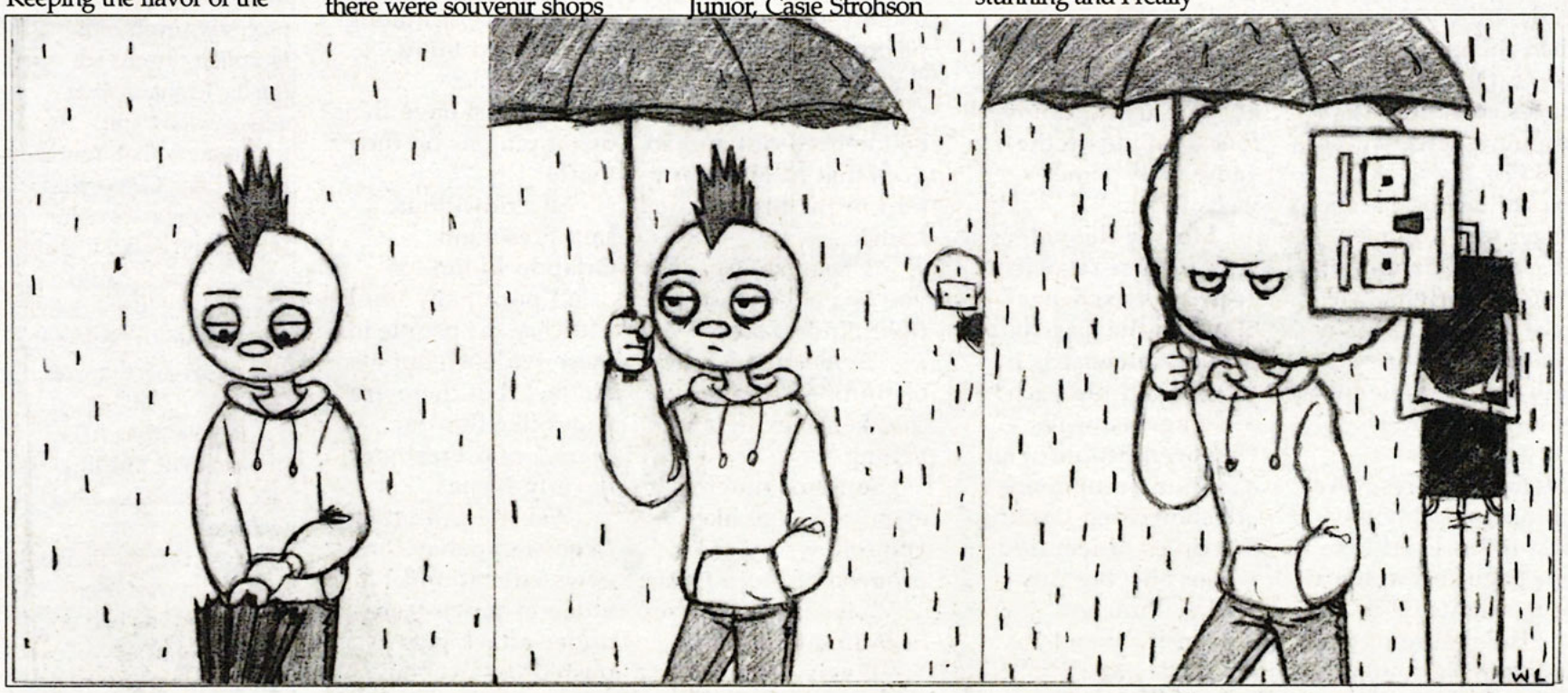
Skrillex won Best Dance Recording for "Bangarang" and Best Dance/Electronica Album for their album of the same name. Gotye and The Black Keys were among the winners as well.

Taylor Swift opened the show with a circus-esque performance of "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together." Other performances included the Lumineers, Elton John and Ed Sheeran, and a Bob Marley tribute by Rihanna, Sting, and Bruno Mars.

While in the past the Recording Academy has been accused of being overly stuffy, this year they definitely hit some of the most-beloved songs and artists of the past few months.

The mood grew somber as several artists joined together to pay tribute to the victims of Sandy Hook. Mumford & Sons, Zac Brown Band, Elton John, T-Bone Burnett, Mavis Staples, and Brittany Howard all paid their respects before the night was done.

Surprisingly, there were few scandals this year. Nobody fought, stole the stage from each other, or arrived in outrageous costumes. Overall, it was a great show with a number of stunning performances. It seems that, for once, the music stood for itself.



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"At Risk" at Lunch

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On Feb. 15 Flannery O'Connor Award winning writer Amina Gautier read a story from her new book At Risk and talked to students and faculty about her writing.

Gautier comes from the west side of Manhattan, and her stories reflect her struggles growing up there. The story she chose for the reading reflects her time in seventh and eighth grade.

In the story, the main character is a poor African-American girl who is given a scholarship to a predominately white all-girls private school. She wants to fit in, so when she is given the opportunity to attend a school dance and an after-party, she is more than willing to buy weed, get high and drunk, and nearly lose her virginity.

"The girl's desire to fit in overrides judgment."

Gautier was never in a situation close to that during her time in private school, but she can write about it easily.

"Writing is an empathetic discipline. It's all about walking a mile in someone else's shoes. That's why I'm a writer," she said.

It also helps that no one ever told her to write solely about her experiences or from the perspective of a woman.

"All my degrees are in English literature, not writing. No one ever told me not to write from a man's perspective, and in western literature we have a fine tradition of people writing from the other gender's prospective. In At Risk there are six stories told by girls and four told by boys," she said.

However, all the characters do have something in common.

"They all grew up in west Manhattan or Brooklyn, and they are all poor. But some get to go to private school while others are trapped in public. The stories are all set in the Reagan-Bush era of the late eighties when drugs and poverty were rampant in New York City. This is the world I grew up in."

Gautier began writing in fourth grade where her teacher frequently submitted her work to local writers' competitions.

"I thought I was a writer then. But then I took a creative writing class when I got to Stanford and realized I was not a writer."

She decided to focus on writing from then on. Since she had started out as a film major, she has always built her stories around a central image. The image she chose for the reading was of a Black girl in a white bathroom surrounded by girls she wanted so badly to fit in with.

Beautiful CreaturesReview

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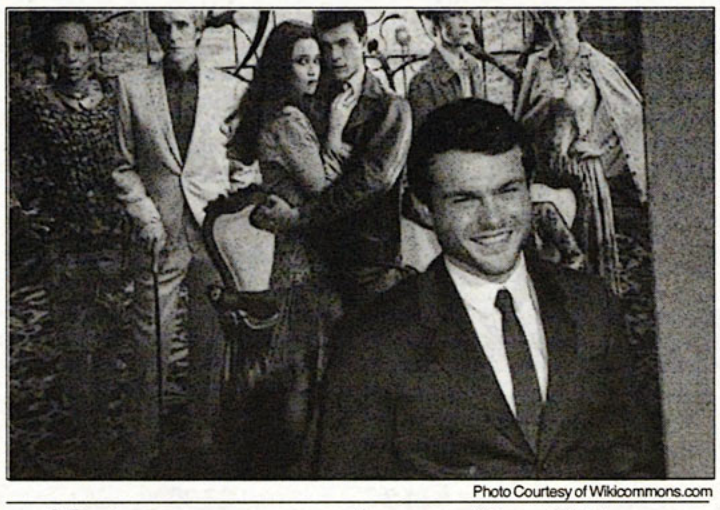
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Most romance movies that come out on Valentine's Day are full of kissing. One or both main lovers think their love will solve everything, and end with Mr. Right and Ms. Right being together forever. "Beautiful Creatures" has all of those elements except the last one, because it is based on a series of books and cannot end just yet.

Ethan Wate (Alden Ehrenreich) falls head over heels in love for the new girl in school Lena Ravenwood (Alice Englart) because they are both bookworms who hate the small-town bible-belt atmosphere of Gatlin. However, Lena and her uncle Macon Ravenwood (Jeremy Irons) are trying to keep Ethan away, and he soon discovers why.

Lena is a caster, which is the politically correct term for witch. Female casters are claimed by either the light or the darkness when they turn 16, and Lena will be 16 very soon. Naturally Ethan keeps telling her to stay positive and that she can choose her own fate, but little does he know of her family's dark history.

Even after being attacked by Lena's cousin Ridley (Emmy Rossum) and mother Sarafine (Emma Thompson), Ethan is still adamant about loving Lena. But is he too late to help her stop her dark destiny from coming true?

For couples who like supernatural love stories, the movie is a must see. The special effects were not "Avatar" quality, but they made the magic seem real none-the-less. There was quite a bit of refreshing humor to break up the serious parts. Those who read the Beautiful Creatures book series will be a bit disappointed that the movie did not adhere to the books very well.

As a fair warning, this movie is rated PG-13. There is no nudity, but there are several scenes of passionate making out and a good deal of cursing. Kids should not be brought to this movie.

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Sports

Lady Lax climbing the ladder

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Second year program slowly, but surely progressing.

When the University decided to get a woman's lacrosse team last year, expectations were not set. While there were some recruits, some of the girls who tried out had never even picked up a lacrosse stick before. It was a struggle right from the beginning.

The team had an overall record of 5-9. Stephanie Marran led the team with 45 goals, 14 assists and 52 points overall. Goalies Brittany Millsap recorded 123 saves. Alix Murray chipped in 37 points, Christina Minneci with 24 points, and Joanna Chadwick added 21 in the 2012 campaign.

Improvement was set in stone once Leo went from a roster of 18 girls in the inaugural season to having 25 girls on the roster to start 2013. With the roster being set higher, the ladies have more depth and fresh legs off the bench in practice and during games. Seven extra girls added to bring the intensity and add intimidation to the team.

"Although we play really tough teams this year that are ranked in the nation, I don't doubt that we will bring everything to the table and show these teams that hard work pays off. This year should be fun and competitive, especially with our talented freshman class as well as our returners," said Sophomore Christina Minneci.

> *"I think we are going to surprise a lot of people this year."*
> *-Alyssa Viscomi*

For one girl on the team, this is truly her last year. Senior and Captain Alyssa Viscomi will be graduating at the end of the semester, and will move on from the game of lacrosse. The St. Cloud, Florida product came to Saint Leo on a basketball scholarship and made the transition over to lacrosse last year. She never saw or picked up a lacrosse stick in her life and now she's playing collegiately. She recorded 6 goals, 2 assists, and earned 27 ground balls in her first season.

"My goals for the year are to go all out. To practice and play with a level of intensity that doesn't mark us a second year program because we are better than that. We need to play to our potential every single time we step out on that field," said Viscomi.

The Lions seem rejuvenated and have much to prove. This program started from the bottom and is now working their way towards the top step by step. Come out and support the Lions at their home games on the new turf stadium.

National Sports Forum speaker series

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COO of Dover Motor Sports, Mike Tatoian spoke with Saint Leo Sport Business students about starting from the bottom and working your way up.

Teco Hall played host of yet another sports professional from the National Sports Forum Speaker Series. This particular guest gave students the insights of working in motor sports. Starting from the ground up, Mike started as a telemarketer and now serves as Executive Vice President Chief Operating Officer of Dover Motor Sports.

Picking up his bachelor's degree studying public relations and marketing at the University of Northern Iowa, Mike's first job after being a telemarketer was groundskeeper for the university's baseball team. Making a mere two dollars an hour, he quickly became director of media relations.

Davenport, Iowa was the starting point for Mike's sports oriented goal. While with the Quad Cities Angels minor league baseball team, he went from being assistant general manager to general manger in his short time with the club. From there he switched over to the mid-west league to become general manager of the Fort Wayne Wizards minor league affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

As Chief Executive Officer for Victory Sports Group, a baseball team was created in Gary, Indiana. Many people did not see this being a smart idea at the time. With strategic planning and continuous marketing, the first game of the season was an absolute success not only because it was a packed stadium, but the fact that blacks and whites were socializing and rooting for the same team was remarkable beyond itself during that time.

Some challenges he faced throughout the course of his career began with having to clean bathrooms in the Texas league, while with Tulsa to forgetting to order buns with hot dogs on 50 cent hot dog night. While with Tulsa he was specifically upset about cleaning bathrooms because out of college with a degree he didn't expect to be doing maintenance type work. His boss told him to be the best at whatever he did and to have the cleanest bathrooms in the Texas league. Mike made this a goal and at the end of the year received an award for his work even though he knew it was just out of respect.

At Dover Speedway Tatoian's crew helped host the Firefly Music Festival with Red Frog Events which included 48 rock bands and four separate stages over 80 acres of land outside the tracks. Averaging 30,000 people a night over the three day weekend the festival is projected to be doubled with 60 bands this upcoming June to go along with 60,000 fans a night.

Tatoian's advice was that even though he had no idea of anything involving motor sports, he learned that all sports follow the same core infrastructure of selling tickets, public safety, merchandising, customer service, and food and beverage among others. He goes by the phrase PIK, which stands for passion, integrity, and kindness. Having all these tasks calls for a successful organization.

"It shocked me to find out he knew nothing about motor sports and now he is the executive vice president of Dover motor sports," said sophomore Melissa McMahon.

The speaker series continues on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Teco Hall. Caitlin Moyer, Senior Manager-Advertising and Marketing for the Milwaukee Brewers will Skype in and give the student's advice from the MLB.

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